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MANUFACTURERS OF BABBITT & ANTI-FRICTION METALS.

BRASS, COPPER AND BRONZE METAL IN ROLLS, SHEETS, TUBES, WIRE, RODS, &c.

517 ARCH ST. 512 & 521 CHERRY ST.

Philadelphia, October 1st, '89

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Sup't United States Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

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